

Request for Proposals No. 14-052

Juvenile Entry Diversion Initiative (JEDI)

Summary

The Frederick County Office for Children and Families (OCF) is a department within the Citizens Services Division of Frederick County Government. OCF seeks to create a more efficient and effective system of care for the children and families of Frederick County through:

- Developing service, family, community and financial partnerships;
- Designing goal-directed services that are client-centered and family-focused;
- Targeting resources to families with the greatest needs; and
- Implementing a monitoring system to determine client and cost outcomes.

JEDI will streamline the point of entry for services for delinquent youth as well as youth for whom a Child In Need of Supervision (CINS) Complaint has been filed. The program will provide case management services to at-risk youth in order to prevent them from becoming negatively involved in the juvenile justice system.

JEDI in Frederick County will be accessible by all youth in the County, allowing referrals from all law enforcement agencies (via police reports, citation, arrests), school systems (via school resource officers and pupil personnel workers), and citizens (via complaint forms). All police reports, citations and citizen complaints will be forwarded to the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) for initial review. The purpose of this review is to determine whether the youth meets basic eligibility criteria for the program.